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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ARRIVAL VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN ROC

1. JOINT VOLUNTEER REPRESENTATIVE IN TAIWAN (CARITAS) REPORTED TO CONOFF ON JANUARY 4TH THAT HE WAS INFORMED BY FREE CHINA RELIEF ASSOCIATION THAT 20 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARRIVED IN KAOHSIUNG, TAIWAN (APPROXIMATELY 250 MILES SOUTH OF TAIPEI) FROM VIETNAM BY BOAT O/A DECEMBER 31ST. ACCORDING TO REPORT, THE ESCAPEES WERE IN DANGER OF PERISHING AT SEA WHEN THEY ENCOUNTERED AN ROC FISHING VESSEL. REPORTEDLY, THE REFUGEES JUMPED ABOARD THE FISHING BOAT AND FORCED THE CHINESE CREW TO BRING THEM TO TAIWAN. THE FREE CHINA RELIEF ASSOCIATION WAS TOLD BY GROC AUTHORITIES THAT THE REFUGEES WOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO HSINTIEN, TAIWAN (APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES SOUTH OF TAIPEI) FOR UNSPECIFIED REASONS.

2. ON THE SAME DAY THIS INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED, CONOFF INFORMALLY ASKED DIRECTOR OF CONSULAR AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IF THIS UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ARRIVING IN TAIWAN COULD BE VERIFIED. MOFA OFFICIAL CLAIMED NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH ARRIVAL, BUT PROMISED TO CHECK WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND INFORM EMBASSY OF RESULTS AT A LATTER DATE.

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3. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED NO FURTHER INFORMATION FROM MOFA REGARDING THIS ALLEGED BOAT CASE ARRIVAL. FORMAL INQUIRY NOW BEING TRANSMITTED TO MOFA.
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